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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (157-1067)

DATE: 3-27-69

FROM : Director, FBI (157-8460)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: INVADERS
Racial Matters

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) 3-3-69.

Referenced LHM was a well-organized summary of Invaders activity. The Bureau feels that future information should be submitted in report form, however. In addition, the Bureau should be kept advised of developments in this case by teletype and/or airtel as circumstances warrant. Instead of submitting an LHM periodically, Memphis should submit developments by the most expeditious means needed as they occur and a report should be submitted on the organization every six months. The Bureau has a definite need and responsibility to disseminate intelligence information about black extremist organizations, such as the Invaders, on a current basis.

In addition, Memphis should submit literature published by this organization in accordance with Bureau airtel to all offices dated 1-24-68 and captioned "Black Nationalist Movement - Publications." Memphis should insure that reports are submitted on all officers, and members of this group engaged in violence, along with your recommendations for Security Index and Agitator Index. Further, a new characterization of this organization should be submitted in view of the change in name from "Black Organizing Project" to the Invaders.

An analysis of referenced LHM shows that much of the information therein pertaining to violence and potential violence was received from local police sources rather than from Bureau informants. This is an undesirable trend and steps must be taken to improve your informant coverage accordingly. As a suggestion,

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Additional investigative steps should be taken in this case. If possible, toll call records should be reviewed as an indication of contacts by the Invaders with other black extremist groups. This is especially important because of indications Invaders and the Black Panther Party are in contact. If not already done, a review of bank records should be initiated to identify suppliers of Invaders' funds.

Every opportunity should be taken to effect counterintelligence operations against the Invaders. Exposure of the group in the press, as already accomplished by Memphis, is an important achievement in that it alerts the entire community, including potential financial supporters, to the extremist nature of this group. Another counterintelligence area to explore is the involvement of employees of the AME Church in financial support of the Invaders. Recommendations should be submitted to the Bureau and no counterintelligence action should be taken without Bureau authority.

In view of the violent and revolutionary nature of the Invaders at present, Memphis should be alert for evidence of possible violations of Title 18, U.S. Code, Sections 2383, 2384, and/or 2385. Information from informants, publications received, public statements and other data received in this case should be analyzed as potential evidence and handled and reported accordingly.

The activities of this organization, although local in nature at present, are sufficiently extreme to justify affording this investigation continuous and preferred attention.